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## **WEABLEAU, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING METH, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Weableau, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for manufacturing methamphetamine and illegally possessing firearms.

**Carl Robert Carter**, 40, of Weableau, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 17 years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 2, 2003, **Carter** was convicted by a federal jury of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine on Jan. 20, 2003, and June 10, 2003, while also being in illegal possession of a firearm.

The federal jury found **Carter** guilty of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine on Jan. 20, 2003, and manufacturing methamphetamine on June 10, 2003.

The federal jury also found **Carter** guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm when he was in possession of a Remington .22 caliber rifle, a Norinco SKS rifle and a loaded Colt .357 magnum on Jan. 20, 2003, in Hickory County, Mo. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Carter** has two 1981 criminal felony convictions for stealing and burglary and two 1984 criminal felony convictions for theft.

The federal jury also found **Carter** guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm again when he was in possession of a Lorcin .380 caliber pistol with 46 rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition on June 10, 2003, in Hickory County.

Finally, the federal jury convicted **Carter** of illegally possessing pseudoephedrine,

knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, on Jan. 20, 2003, and June 10, 2003, in Hickory County.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Douglas Shull. It was investigated by the Hickory County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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